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For: METHOD FOR STABILIZATION OF PROTEINS USING NON-NATURAL AMINO ACIDS

35 N. Arroyo Parkway, Suite 60
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specifications:

At page 1, line 6, please insert -- This application is based on and claims the priority of U.S. Serial Number 60/191,640, filed March 23, 2000, the contents of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. --

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